

# DAILY CHRONICLE OF PITTSTON EVENTS.

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## GIVEN OVER TO GOD.

Impressive Ceremonial Attends the Exercises of Dedication at the New German Catholic Church.

Yesterday was certainly a happy New Year for Rev. Father Brohl, pastor of the German Catholic congregation of this place, for he witnessed the dedication to God of his new church with all the pomp and ceremony attendant upon such occasions. At the hour drew near for the dedicatory exercises at 10 o'clock the pretty edifice was filled with devout worshippers. Promptly on the stroke of the hour the procession moved into the sanctuary from the sacristy adjoining, and moved down the center aisle to the exterior of the edifice in the following order: Rev. Father Fricker, cross bearer; Rev. Fathers Bilestein and Crane, deacon and sub-deacon; Very Rev. Bishop O'Hara, celebrant; and Rev. Father Golden, master of ceremonies, and acolytes bearing lighted candles.

After chanting the psalms and sprinkling the building with holy water, the procession re-entered the church in the same order and proceeded to the altar railing, chanting psalms and responses as they went along. A tour of the interior was next made, the bishop sprinkling holy water on the walls as the procession moved along until they arrived at the point of starting. This closed the dedicatory service and the entire party retreated to the sacristy to prepare for the celebration of the solemn high mass which followed.

## THE MASS SERVICE.

After the altar had been arranged this beautiful service was begun with Rev. Father Nagle as celebrant; Rev. Father Christ, as deacon; Rev. Father Fricker, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Golden, master of ceremonies; Rev. Fathers Crane and Zlatrozynski, deacon and sub-deacon of honor. Seated with the bishop were Right Rev. Bishop O'Hara, Rev. Fathers Crane, McCabe, Bilestein, Zlatrozynski, and Monsignor Toner of Rome. During the progress of the mass the choir rendered several pretty selections rendering the impressive occasion.

## FATHER CHRIST'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Father Christ of Scranton, delivered an excellent address in German, taking for his text Psalm 121-1, "I rejoyced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of God," and supplemented it with several biblical extracts. He said: "Among the prayers which the ceremonial prescribes for the dedication of a church is to be found in the psalm from which our text is taken. It was written by King David for the Pilgrims, who annually visited the temple at Jerusalem on certain great feasts. When the time for those pilgrimages was approaching, those intending to participate would call to one another: 'We are going to the temple of God.' We have today come into this new house of God; hence our joy and gladness so truly expressed by the psalmist. 'I rejoyced at the things that were said to me; we shall go into the house of God.' Our joy on this occasion is twofold. 'First, A natural joy; we have exchanged an old church for a new one. 'Second, A supernatural joy, which is based in four motives. 'First motive. We have done a good work. We have reared a temple to God. Glory, honor, peace to every one who doeth good. Rom. 2, 10. 'Second motive. God has accepted our good work and taken up his abode this day in our new church. 'Behold the tabernacle of God with men.' Apoc. 21, 3. 'How terrible is this place, we must exclaim with Jacob, 'This is no other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven.' Gen. 28, 17. For there now dwells here He whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain.' Kings 28, 17. 'Third motive—The God who dwells here is not merely a God of adoration, but also a God of grace and every help. From this altar, the throne of grace, He wishes to transmit grace and help to all, through effectual prayer, the sacraments. Even the dead are not forgotten. Your new church just dedicated is a house of grace, because God, who dwells in it, is pre-eminently the God of grace. 'Fourth motive—The God who dwells here is the God of truth and justice. Truth and justice you will be taught here in the sermons and instructions. 'Going, therefore, teach ye all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.' Math. 28, 29. This is the priest's divine commission. He must teach you God's truth, that you may believe His will that you may fulfill it."

## BISHOP O'HARA SPEAKS.

Rev. Bishop O'Hara ascended the altar steps prior to the closing of the mass and made a short address. He said: "Dearly beloved, it gives me great pleasure to greet you on this happy New Year, and to congratulate you on the result of your efforts. Also, your worthy pastor for what he has accomplished in rearing this structure, in the selection of the pictures, the tasteful painting. Again, I congratulate you and wish you every happiness and joy." The service was brought to a close by Bishop O'Hara, a pronouncing benediction.

## CONFIRMATION EXERCISES.

In the afternoon a class of eighty children were confirmed by Bishop O'Hara. The service was a beautiful one and was witnessed by a large number of the children's parents. A description of the exterior having appeared heretofore in the columns of THE TRIBUNE an account of the interior finish is all that is necessary. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 500. A gallery, capable of seating 150 persons on which is erected the large pipe organ extends from one side of the building to the other. The walls are of sand finish with plaster parietal ornaments. Fourteen beautiful stained glass windows afford ample light and present a pretty appearance when the sunlight sheds its soft rays through them. The seats are large and comfortable, and are of quartered oak finished in oil. The woodwork is of yellow pine with natural finish. The large altar and the two located on each side are plain in appearance, but rich in simplicity. They are pure white, finished in gold, and denote much taste in design and finish. Twenty-four gas jets distributed

throughout the building in clusters of three lamps each, serve for lighting purposes. The floor of the sanctuary is tastefully covered with a rich moquette cardinal carpet. The building is heated and ventilated with an apparatus of modern construction.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS TO MEET.

A Pleasing Programme Has Been Arranged for This Evening. The Circle of Loving Service of the King's Daughters will meet this evening at the residence of Miss Minnie Kite on Exeter street. A very pleasing programme has been arranged for the occasion and those having invitations are assured an enjoyable evening. It is understood that those receiving invitations will contribute something, the amount at the option of the donor, for the good of the cause which, being a most worthy one, should be aided considerably by those who attend.

## ATTACKED, BOUND AND ROBBED.

Thrilling Experience of Barber John Clark on Philadelphia Avenue. John Clark, employed by Lilly Bros. barbers, West Side, met with a thrilling experience on Saturday night. While crossing an open lot near Philadelphia avenue, within thirty yards of his home, he was grabbed by two men, who tied his hands and feet with a cord and ransacked his pockets, relieving them of some \$10, and left him. Clark cries for help, brought his parents to his rescue. It is not known who the robbers were.

## PERTINENT PITTSTON PARAGRAPHS.

Prepared for Hasty Perusal by the Busy Local Reader.

About 500 members and friends of the Young Men's Christian association enjoyed the hospitalities of "open house" yesterday afternoon and evening. Miss Marie L. Donohoe, who has been spending the holidays with her parents at Lukerman, has returned to New York. James Law spent yesterday in Scranton calling on friends.

Died in Duryea, Dec. 31, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, aged 92 years. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. today. Interment in Pittston cemetery.

The concert given by the Garden Village quartette at Plymouth last night was a pronounced success. Mrs. A. T. Howe, of Montgomery street, has been quite ill for a day or two.

Stephen Wilcox spent New Year's with Wilkes-Barre friends.

Wallace Bruce tomorrow night, subject, "Scotland and Scotland." The festival of the First Congregational church opened auspiciously last evening.

Twenty-one cases have been under treatment at the hospital during November and December. Seven surgical and one medical cases remain under treatment.

The attendance at the "sunrise prayer meetings" yesterday morning was quite large. Miss Elizabeth V. Morgan, who has been attending the Mansfield Normal school, has been spending her vacation with home friends in West Pittston.

Miss Sarah Drury is visiting in Moscow.

Harry Pugh, of South Plainfield, N. J., is spending a few days in town. The New Year began in Pittston by ringing of bells, sounding of gongs, firing of musketry and other sounds, all of which echoed over mountain top and through the length of the Wyoming Valley.

The next semi-annual examination of civil service commission for the grades of postoffice clerks and letter-carriers will be held in Pittston February 10.

Jenkins and Malia, recent employees of John J. Roberts, have purchased his liquor store on South Main street, and held their wedding in New York Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown, Elora Brown, Mrs. Leon Sacks, Millard P. Sacks, Miss Fannie Sacks, Mr. and Mrs. A. Markus, Joseph Aschenbrand, Sigmond Ochs and David Heiman were in attendance at the Schlosser-Oppenheimer wedding in New York Sunday evening.

Intelligence has been received by Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bennett of the death of their son-in-law, Charles S. Morrow, at Duluth, Minn., which occurred Sunday morning. Mr. Morrow leaves a wife and little daughter. The funeral will take place from the Morrow family home in Towanda on Thursday. "Master and Man," a melodrama of much merit was the attraction at Music hall yesterday afternoon and evening. At both performances large audiences were present and left the hall fully satisfied with the presentation. The company are all capable and acted their parts excellently.

THERE IS NOTHING like Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to quickly cure a cold or relieve hoarseness. Written by Mrs. M. J. Fellows, Burr Oak, St. Joseph county, Mich.

## OLD FORGE.

David Oakley is on a visit to friends in Oak Hill.

C. J. Keogh has on view a fine young opossum.

Thomas Laffey and James McCue, well known drummers in the Forest fire and drum band, challenge any two others in Lackawanna county for \$100 a side.

Scott McPeake contemplates a trip to the home of his birth, "Auld Reekie."

Much sickness prevails here; so much so that incessant attendance upon his patients has for a few days laid Dr. Steger up. He is being attended by Dr. Houser, under whose able care we all hope to see our clever and popular young doctor around again.

A very pleasant social was given on Friday evening in J. M. Holland's hotel. Jacob Closs looked happy—and well he might—when he was distributing the prettiest and most tasty calendar that has reached here, issued by Hughes & Glennon, of Forest Castle fame, to their many customers here. The first judge and jury trial in Old Forge came off at Joyce's hotel. M. Noon was judge. A well known newspaper man was prosecutor. The charge was "Failure of Acquaintance with the 'Merchant of Venice.'" Much forensic eloquence was displayed and the defendant was honorably acquitted. The jury consisted of several

well known ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Joyce being foreman. The remainder of the evening was spent in reciting, in which the defendant highly delighted the numerous company by his splendid dramatic handling of his pieces.

One of the spacious halls in the Sheridan House was occupied last night by the Old Forge ladies' complimentary social, which was well attended.

Mr. Sheridan, of the Sheridan House, called on Hazelton friends on Sunday.

Frank Clancroft, A. White, of Scranton; J. J. Coyne, of Minooka; James Butler and James Welsh, of Moscow, were the guests of C. J. Keogh yesterday.

The writer has good reason to know that he is only focusing local public opinion when he tenders to the obliging agent at Lackawanna depot, Mr. McCollum, a truly happy New Year for himself and those who are near and dear to him.

## JERMYN.

Thomas Solomon and George Bray left yesterday for New York. Today they will enter the large plumbing school at Sixty-fifth street and First avenue, where they expect to perfect themselves for their profession.

Naboth Osborn, who occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, left yesterday for Syracuse.

Both the Citizens' and Temperance bands assembled our townspeople on New Year's day.

John Farrell, Sr., who on account of illness has been unable to attend to his duties at the Erie breaker, resumed his work yesterday.

Two gentlemen have offered to invest \$5,000 each toward establishing a factory in Jermyan that will employ one hundred men. An equal amount must be invested by the proprietors of the said factory.

Last night a party in honor of Miss Annie Ellis was held at the residence of Richard Stevenson. All present spent a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Addie O'cott spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Hattie Beane, of Moscow.

The many friends of Mrs. A. F. Battenberg, who has been ill for nearly a month, will be glad to hear that her condition is slightly improved.

Rev. Mr. Brooks, of Hamilton college, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Charles and Edward Maynard spent New Year with the family of Andrew Vail, of Tompkinsville.

Miss Ella Griffith, of Scranton, is the guest of her uncle, John T. Griffith.

School reopens this morning after the ten days' Christmas vacation.

## MOTTO DECORATIONS.

An Old English Fashion and Colonial Idea Has Been Revived.

The motto fashion, if one may be permitted the word, that for a time seemed to find its only expression in stiff, inartistic illuminations formed and set with unbecoming rigidity and hung on the walls of our houses, is in our modern artistic homes, in quite different evidence.

The simple rustic prayer of "God Bless Our Home" and others of the same sort have yielded to fine bits of decorative



CLOSET DOOR WITH MOTTO.

work effectively introduced in handsome apartments. It is the old English notion, and colonial idea as well, again accentuated after a long interregnum.

Attention is called to the foregoing fashion by the New York Times, which tells that in the home of one of our well known illustrators, over the mantel in the large and airy dining room, the inscription, "A Table Full of Welcome Will Score One Dainty Dish," is picked out in the wood in old English text with admirable effect.

In another artistic home, cited by the authority quoted, is an ornamental pair of closet doors bearing the text, "Fast Bind, Fast Find." It is not only decorative and effective, but tells a story of system, method and careful housekeeping that means good homemaking.

The motto idea is capable of considerable application. Where wood carving is not suitable or attainable, a panel or banner can be accomplished of silk, satin or linen, either in somber or gay colors. On either of these three motto can be painted in liquid gold that will prove most attractive when finished.

A quaint and graceful design of lettering should be selected. In a breakfast room the motto, "Now, Good Digestion Wait on Appetite and Health on Both," or over the family hearthstone the sentiment, "East or West, Home's the Best," is happy in its tender suggestion.

Workers in hammered brass will find the employment of their art specially artistic in producing mottoes, and such, framed with a simple molding or not framed at all, are unique and desirable.

An Englishman recently bet that he could smoke 100 cigars down to an inch in 10 hours. The dispatch simply adds, "He did."

THERE IS DANGER for the young girl just entering womanhood. She is especially sensitive, and many nervous troubles, which continue through life, have their origin at this period. If there be pain, headache, and nervous disturbances, or irregularity of monthly functions Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription should be judiciously employed.

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Miss MARGIE BURKE, of Scranton, Pa., writes: "When I was fourteen years old I took a bad cold and there resulted internal troubles. I was a great sufferer for four years. I had tried two Physicians but neither gave me any relief. After taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I can't say enough for it. It cured me so I have no more pain. I am now nineteen years of age."

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